Waiting list for LPG connections

2751. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of applications for LPG connections pending for the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that at many places people had applied for LPG connections more than eight years ago; and

(c) if so, the reasons for their pendency and action taken by Government to provide LPG connections to such applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The LPG waiting List in the country as on 1.1.1997 was about 142.03 lakhs. New LPG connections are released to the waitlisted persons according to the serial order of registration with the distributor concerned depending on new customer enrolment allotted to the distributor, which is made keeping in view the slack available with the distributor, waiting list and product availability. Release of connections is not based on the age of the registration.

The clearance of waitlisted persons varies from market to market and distributor to distributor all over the country. There is no State-wise uniform position. Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to applicants as early as possible. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants and higher imports through existing and new facilities.

Consumption of LPG in Haryana, Punjab Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

2752. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the annual LPG consumption in Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of LPG required for domestic use in these States during the current year; and

(c) by when this requirement is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated quantity of LPG required for the existing customers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for domestic use in Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh during 1996-97 is 857 TMT.

(c) The requirement of LPG of the existing customers is by and large, being fully met by the Public Sector Oil Companies.

Carrying forward the special Quota of M.Ps for LPG

2753. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether following withdrawal of special quota of M.Ps for LPG connection, their quota for January-April, 1997 yet to be exhausted, would be allowed to be carried forwarded beyond the deadline of 1st April, 1997 as per the criteria; and

(b) if not, what would be the fate of quota already issued in January, 1997, but is still to be exhausted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Special quota of M.Ps for